

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Paragraph 1 has been amended as follows:

The present invention relates to an umbrella frame [1,] and, more particularly, to an umbrella frame which has a plurality of stretching frames to be used for a long period of usage without easily breaking.

Paragraph 27 has been amended as follows:

When the lower runner 28 is moved downward, the stretcher 23 will be rotated downward. Then, the elastic rod 25 will force the distal rod 27, the long rib 21 and the short rib 22 to **fold** ~~folded~~ in an N shape.